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## **BURNING MAN 2001 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OUT**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office has released an environmental assessment (EA) for this year's Burning Man event. The EA describes the proposed action, several alternative actions, and how each would affect the environment of the Black Rock Desert playa. The proposed action (the event organizer's proposal) would move the event location 1800 feet to the northeast of the 2000 site. The preferred action (BLM's preferred alternative) would place the event in its 2000 location. The no action alternative would not permit the event.

BLM is seeking public input on these alternatives during a public comment period ending June 8, 2001. Substantive written comments sent to the attention of Jeff Johnson, Environmental Coordinator, Winnemucca Field Office, by either surface mail to 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445, or via Email to <a href="mailto:Burningman@nv.blm.gov">Burningman@nv.blm.gov</a>, will be taken into consideration in the decision-making process. Copies of the EA can also be requested from the same addresses. Mr. Johnson, who can also be reached by phone at (775) 623-1500, emphasizes, "Public input is vital to developing quality decisions for the public lands."